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LEUT.-GOVERNOR WILLARD'S LETTER

Asks that License be Granted
For a Saloon in "Sawdust
Hall."

We have received the following letter and communication for publication. The people have the right to know the attitude of the candidates on issues or questions likely to become issues. The name of the sender and author of the matter will be given if necessary. Mr. Willard is welcome to space in this paper for an explanation if one is needed:

"Office of Lieutenant-Governor,
Richmond, Va., June 15, 1905
Mr H H Daniell,
District Assessor,
District Building,
Washington, D C

My Dear Sir:—
"I beg to bespeak your favorable consideration of the application of Mr James T Lawler for a license to conduct a saloon at the Southwest corner of 2nd and G Streets, S. W., Washington, D C

"Mr Lawler's character is above reproach and he is in every way a reliable man

"I shall appreciate it as a personal favor to me if you will do everything in your power to aid him"

"Yours very truly,
JOS. E. WILLARD."

July 1, 1905.

"Dear Mr. Leslie:—"After seeing a copy of the enclosed letter, in company with an attorney I went to the District Building yesterday and saw the Willard letter, a copy of which I enclose. The place where he asks for license to be granted was known as "Sawdust Hall," a negro resort that gave great trouble up to six or eight years ago, when the good people prevailed on the powers that be not grant license. A few weeks ago, an applicant was refused license, as the negro preachers, the better people of that section and the District League opposed the same. In fact the Excise Board has stood with the good people in aiding them in making the conditions better in this section populated largely by negroes

Now, a candidate for the honorable position of Governor uses plain paper, and has typewritten this expression: "Office of Lieutenant-Governor" at the top, and prostitutes his official influence by asking that license be granted, as a personal favor, and asks that the District Assessor, who is chairman of the Excise Board, do all within his power to aid the applicant.

In a word, to aid in establishing a saloon in a negro settlement where the negro preachers have pleaded for their people, where the good people have made the conditions better by preventing license from being granted for years. In fact a place where the conditions are very bad with bar-rooms and bad enough without them

The good people of Washington resent Mr Willard's action as a man in Virginia stepping in to block the good work they are doing in keeping saloons out of the worst sections of the city, and resent him using his official influence to that end."

VIRGINIAN.

What is the "Primary?"

It appears from inquiries that quite a large number of voters do not understand what is meant by a primary. A word of explanation may be in order. The Democratic State Convention passed a resolution at its meeting in 1901 that thereafter nominations for all state officers should be by primaries instead of by a general state convention. So, instead of holding a county convention and sending delegates to a general state convention, as heretofore, to make nominations, the voters will meet at their respective precinct voting places in the county, the same as in a county election, and vote direct for the candidate of their choice. The votes will be canvassed and reported to the state chairman, and the candidates receiving a majority of the votes will be declared the nominees of the party. Then, in November, the regular election will be held, and these candidates previously nominated will be voted for. This is all of it. The primaries are held just like a county election except that only white Democrats will participate. The Republican party still adheres to the old plan of sending delegates to a state convention where the nominations are made.

New Buildings for Graham.

Graham, July 5.
Mr. W. E. Fowler, President of the American National Bank, has purchased quite a number of lots in this town, upon which he will erect dwelling houses to the number of about 25. These buildings will be sold on such terms as to enable people working on small salaries, to purchase, and finally own their own homes.

Mr. Fowler, though only recently come among us, is rapidly identifying himself with us, and making himself felt in our business enterprises.

With such men as Mr. Fowler and other progressive citizens in this town, Graham will forge her way to the front, and be heard from in the future.

Peace Delegates Named.

Oyster Bay, July 4.
President Roosevelt has officially announced the names of the Russian and Japanese envoys to the Washington Peace Conference, as follows:

Russian:—Ambassador Muraviev, Ambassador to Italy, and Baron Rosen recently appointed Ambassador to the United States.

Japan:—Baron Komura, minister of foreign affairs, and Kogoro Takahira, minister to the United States. These envoys will have full power to negotiate and conclude a treaty of peace.

The meeting will take place about August first.

SPECIAL RATES

for the Farmers Institute, Roanoke, Va., July 12th, 13th and 14th, 1905 conducted by Prof. Andrew M. Soule, Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

For this occasion the Norfolk & Western Railway will sell round trip tickets from ticket offices in Virginia at the rate of one fare plus 25c.

Tickets on sale July 10th, 11th and 12th good for return on or before July 15th.

W. B. Beville, G. P. A.

Bring your Printing.

CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

Woman's Missionary Society Adjourned here Sunday Night—
Meeting Successful.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Holston Conference, adjourned last Sunday evening to meet next year in Bristol. The meeting here was an event. Not for many years has Tazewell enjoyed the privilege of entertaining such a body of splendid ladies. The sessions were well attended, and the business well conducted. Mrs. McClung the President and presiding officer, proved herself a model officer. A number of fine papers were read and addresses made by the ladies. The reports showed gratifying progress in the work of the society in all its departments.

A fitting and beautiful closing exercise was held on Sunday evening. The church was crowded. Rev. J. W.

Perry, of Knoxville, delivered a strong address on Japan. In this address, as in his sermon in the Baptist church in the morning, Dr. Perry fully sustained his reputation as an strong and eloquent speaker.

At the close of the service on Sunday evening in the Methodist church Mrs. McClung, the president, announced that the society desired to make Mrs. O'Keeffe of Tazewell, an honorary life member of the society, and that one hundred dollars would be necessary to do so. A collection was taken, and in a short time more than this amount was raised. Mrs. O'Keeffe acknowledged the honor and compliment in a short speech, which was thoroughly appreciated.

Many of the delegates left on Sunday—some on Saturday. Those remaining left on Monday for their homes, expressing themselves as highly pleased with their visit. The ladies may rest assured that Tazewell's latch string hangs on the outside to them at any hour of the day or night—at any and all seasons.

SWANSON AND MONTAGUE SPEAK HERE NEXT TUESDAY



HON. CLAUDE A. SWANSON.

Governor A. J. Montague, candidate for United States Senator from Virginia, and Hon. Claude A. Swanson, Congressman from Virginia, and candidate for Governor of the state, will speak here, in the Court House, next Tuesday. These brilliant young men are representative of the best talent and manhood of Virginia, and no doubt will have a large crowd to hear them next Tuesday.

The ladies of the community are specially invited to be present. The Governor speaks in Graham Tuesday evening, at 8:30.



GOV. A. J. MONTAGUE.

Touched film for Ten.

Geo. Carter of Burke's Garden, a worthy colored man, who was one of the wedding guests here on Wednesday night was "touched" by some light fingered gent for \$10. After the wedding supper the party repaired to the Town Hall for a dance. As the weather was warm a number of the colored men, "after 'sensin' demselves," removed their coats, giving them in charge of boys to hold and get down to dancing right. When Carter's coat was returned by Houston Carter, who had it in charge, Geo. Carter says that a nice ten dollar William had

been borrowed from the side pocket, and up to yesterday morning had not been returned. When Houston Carter was asked about it he said he had been asleep most of the time and knew nothing about the robbery. Yesterday morning George Carter said the ten was about all the money he had. Hereafter, he says, when he comes to town he will keep his eyes peeled for "town niggers dat steals." Carter had money enough left, however, to buy a soup bone and a pound of steak yesterday morning before leaving for his home in Burke's Garden—a poorer but wiser man.

JUDGE MANN IN CHARLOTTSVILLE

Prospects for Judge Mann's Election Grows Brighter Daily—
Makes Many Votes.

Charlottesville, July 4.
Albermarle gave Judge Wm. H. Mann a fine reception today when he appeared here for the first time in the interest of his candidacy for Governor. He spoke in the Court House, Capt. Woods, the noted lawyer presided. He stated that Judge Mann was a brave confederate soldier, a man of very high character and a life-long Democrat.

Judge Mann spoke in the Auditorium last night to the voters of Charlottesville, Mr. Daniel H. Harman presided. The occasion was marked by great enthusiasm, and many votes were made for Judge Mann.

Credit Where Credit Is Due.

The writer has just read in the Roanoke Times of June 27th an article copied from the Richmond Evening Journal on the subject of "The Public School Books," every word of which he heartily endorses and cannot call to mind, just now, one thinking man who does not.

During the winter and spring of 1904, when the subject of the selection of text books for use in the schools was being agitated, taught by more than twenty years' experience in the primary system, in the capacity of secretary of our county school board, we strongly advocated the adoption of the "single list" only as being much cheaper and more satisfactory in every particular than any multiple list. At the same time we opposed, with a sincerity born of conviction, the policy of putting the selection of books into the hands of the local boards. We "had been there," and had experienced the vexations, temptations and dangers to which these boards had heretofore been subjected. We therefore earnestly insisted that the State Board of Education be strengthened by associating with them two, three or may be five approved educators, known to have views in accord with the "primary system," and that to this board and no other, be assigned the duty of selecting a single, uniform list of text books to be changed from time to time by the same existing authority, according as the exigencies and development of books, methods, etc., might demand.

We beg your pardon, Mr. Editor, we did not intend to "thresh old straw" by entering here, into any discussion of this subject, especially as it seems now that we are about all of the same faith as regards the propriety of having only a single list of books. What we desire to do is to call your, and through you, the people's attention, to conditions existing in the spring of 1904, just before and during the sessions of the State Normal Board, which adopted the undesirable and justly abused system now in vogue. In doing so, we risk nothing in asserting, that even prior to and during the sittings of the "Educational Board," spring of 1904, its chairman earnestly advocated the adoption of a single list, and that it should be the duty of the State Educational Board to select the books instead of the subordinate boards as now provided.

However, we do not intend to discuss this subject again, since the people through the press have spoken, and we are tumbling over each other, in efforts to surpass one another in saying the best and most complimentary things for the single list, etc., it would be superfluous. Let us not forget, however, to render "honor where honor is due." Let us remember that if the earnest advice of the chairman of the State Board of Education, Governor Montague, had been heeded, the board would have been saved from the commission of a grave, and to the people of the state, an expensive mistake, to say nothing of the unfortunate results of unsettled conditions in the schools, and the losses to the whole people and children in effecting another and clearly necessary change.

When we come to vote in the approaching primary do not let us forget this clear-headed chairman, now our most excellent governor, now a candidate for the U. S. Senate from Virginia.

A. J. T.

Tazewell, Va., July 4, 1905.

Spectacles Lost.

Left in street car, last Saturday morning, a pair of gold rimmed spectacles. Finder please return to Mrs. F. P. Edwards, or leave at News office.

OUR SPRING LINE

of goods is now complete. As it is a pleasure for us to show our goods we would especially invite you to call and let us show you our line, before purchasing elsewhere.

We have a line of white goods, and also several pieces of silk and a nice line of Ribbons that we can save you from 25 to 40 per cent, and many other things that we haven't the space to mention.

We have the most up-to-date line of Ladies Skirts in town. Prices are lower.

J. H. WHITLEY & SON
North Tazewell, Va.
Phone No. 42.

List of Judges For Primary

The Democratic County Committee at a meeting held last Saturday, appointed the following Judges for the Primary Election, to be held August 22, 1905:

TAEWEELL.

C. R. Brown, A. J. May,
T. A. Lynch.

NORTH TAEWEELL.

C. F. Kitts, J. H. Whitley,
T. L. Francis.

BENBOW.

J. S. Wimmer, D. W. Lynch,
W. A. Thompson.

TMOMPSON VALLEY.

W. Archie Thompson, Joseph Cregar,
A. J. Larimer.

FREE STONE.

J. A. Neal, W. T. Corell,
P. S. Ellis.

GAP STORE.

J. W. Maxwell, J. M. C. Catron,
C. A. Peery.

DRY FORK.

J. N. Johnson, M. J. Beavers,
J. S. Whit.

CROCKETS COVE.

D. W. Dudley, S. A. Yates,
J. W. Daniel.

LOCKHARTS CHAPEL.

W. P. Payne, J. H. Beavers,
J. C. Henkle.

BAPTIST VALLEY.

H. S. Lockhart, William Conner,
T. A. Lockhart.

FOUNDING MILL.

W. C. Williams, J. B. Hunt,
John Thomas.

CEDAR BLUFF.

E. B. Scott, Dr. W. E. Baylor,
W. J. Higginbotham.

RICHLANDS.

W. P. Boggess, A. E. Clark,
C. W. Spradler.

MIDWAY.

C. H. Peery, J. A. Repass,
A. L. Steele.

LIBERTY HILL.

S. J. Thompson, M. W. Murphy,
J. S. White.

POOR VALLEY.

F. H. Hill, James Taylor,
George Blackwell.

BURKE'S GARDEN.

H. R. Stowers, J. B. Meek,
J. H. Thompson.

GRATTON.

W. D. Jones, J. R. Gildersleeve, Jr.,
J. E. Buchanan.

COVE CREEK.

R. G. Shuflebarger, W. D. Malloy,
W. M. Atkins.

TIP TOP.

J. F. Gillespie, E. K. Crockett,
Robert Tarter.

BLUESTONE.

J. W. Shannon, John St. Clair,
J. H. Summers.

GRAHAM.

J. M. Smith, S. N. Hufford,
C. A. Graham.

FALLS MILLS.

C. J. Hale, T. E. Taber,
William Mullins.

ABBS VALLEY.

O. B. Moore, J. T. Frazier, Jr.,
Geo. W. Bowling.

POCAHONTAS.

J. L. Baber, A. W. Landon,
M. Block.

Subscribe for the News.

SWANSON TELLS OF HIS SERVICES

Replies to Charges of Political
Enemies Regarding Campaign Work.

Hon. Claude A. Swanson's attention was called yesterday to a report, which is being circulated by his political enemies, to the effect that after he was defeated for the gubernatorial nomination four years ago, he went to Europe and failed to render the party services in the ensuing election. Mr. Swanson said that ordinarily he did not reply to falsehoods, but that has been so industriously circulated that he felt that he owed it to himself and friends to make a statement in reference thereto.

He said that, worn out with his campaign for the nomination, a few days after the convention at Norfolk he took a trip to Europe for recuperation of health, returned early in October and at the request of the State chairman, he spoke at many places in the State—Roanoke, Norfolk, Richmond and Alexandria. He stated that his appointments were made by State chairman to whom he offered his services upon his return. He remarked:—"I can state to you some trips I took in that campaign which, it seems to me, will indicate whether I faithfully discharged my duty as democrat." Said he,

"I spoke in Norfolk one night, took the train early next morning, and went to Danville, reaching there in the afternoon; spoke in Danville that night before a large audience; took the train at 2 o'clock that night, and went to Lynchburg; changed cars there for the Norfolk and Western Railroad; reached Wytheville early next morning; spoke there that day, and immediately after completing my speech, took the train for Giles county, which I reached about 8 o'clock that evening, and spoke at once. The next day I drove quite a distance through the country, and spoke at Newport; soon as my speech was completed I took a buggy and drove through the country to Christiansburg, reaching there about 7 o'clock and spoke there about 8 o'clock that night, leaving there on the train about midnight to fill another appointment the next day.

"I could name other trips made in this campaign equally as severe a tax upon me as this. One has only to read the press of the State at that time to ascertain that my speeches, commencing at the Norfolk convention after my defeat and ending at Alexandria the night before election, were warm, earnest and loyal in their appeal to the voters to support the Democratic party and all of its nominees. I was complimented by the Democratic press of the entire State for the efficient and valuable service I had rendered.

QUOTES DISPATCH.

"Although I could quote other editorials to show the high estimate placed upon my services in that campaign, yet I will only quote one. The Richmond Dispatch of Saturday, November 1, 1901, has the following editorial in reference to my services in that campaign: "Whatever may be the extent of Democratic victory on Tuesday, none will have contributed more to it than Hon. Claude A. Swanson. He has done earnest and aggressive work, some of his remarks at Danville Tuesday night were especially characteristic of the brilliant young congressman and strikingly illustrate the fact that with him loyalty to party and devotion to Democratic principles rise superior to every individual consideration and ambition, and that is the test no less of true manhood than of political leadership, which puts honor on its following.

"The Times-Dispatch, in a recent editorial, has defended me against this unjust attack and insinuation."

The Show Next Tuesday.

Every visitor to town next Tuesday can be entertained in one way or another. There will be political speaking, Horse Shoe and Sale and a circus and animals show.